TOPEKA CENTRAL PILGRIMS EARN MISSIONARY ACTION PLEDGE

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Cover Page Picture

Topeka Central Pilgrims displaying a working faith are: (left to right around the car). Nancy Mack, Helen Graves, Sylvia McMullen, Betsy Stoffer, Carrie Maze, Laura Graves, Peggy Epps and George Epps.

Having pledged $75.00 on the State Pilgrim Fellowship Missionary Action goal, they set forth to raise their pledge. They earned $10.00 washing dishes on Maundy Thursday. Then they hit upon the idea of spending their Saturdays washing church members' cars for $1.00 each. About 24 jean clad young people turned out the first Saturday; washed 27 cars, and earned $30.75. The following Saturday they repeated the service from 9 A.M., to 6 P.M., in front of the church and netted a like amount.

They are now all set to go to camp with their pledge paid in full.

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"Parable of the Vacationists"

Now it came to pass, as summer drew nigh, that Mr. Church Member lifted his eyes unto the hills and said: "Lo, the hot days come and even now are at hand. Come, let us go unto the heights, where cool breezes refresh and glorious scenes await."

"Thou speakest wisely," quoth Mrs. Church Member. "Yet three or four things must we do before we go."

"Three things I can think of, but not four," responded Mr. Church Member. "We must arrange for the flowers to be watered, the chickens fed, and the mail forwarded, but the fourth eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first three, yet more important than all. Thou shalt dig down into thy purse and pay thy church pledge, that the good name of the church be preserved, and that it may be well with thee, for verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member paid his pledge for the summer, and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "Of a truth, there are those who care for the Lord's work." And it was so.

(J. V. Jacobs in *Christian Messenger*)

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October 21-23, 1952

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The Easter Season Among Our Churches

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."
TOPEKA FIRST CONGREGATIONAL - PALM SUNDAY

Sabetha

Rev. Harold S. Freeman, a secretary of the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, and Dr. L. Merle Rymph, came to our church in Sabetha for a week's preaching and Visitation Evangelism, March 16-23.

The night preaching services included congregational singing, a special musical number, questions and answers, and a sermon. Dr. Rymph was the preacher, with Mr. Freeman speaking on nights Dr. Rymph was unable to be present. In an auditorium which can comfortably seat over 250 people, the nightly attendance, which ranged from 50 to 110, seemed disappointingly meager. Poor weather, conflicting meetings, and the fact that the members were not in the habit of night meetings, kept the attendance low. However, those who came felt

the meetings abundantly worthwhile. And many people actually considered the attendance good—all things considered.

Mr. Freeman met with laymen of the church on Sunday afternoon, and for four supper meetings, Monday thru Thursday. After supper he explained the nature of visitation evangelism, and the proper answers to excuses people give for not accepting Christ or joining the church. Despite bad weather and many prospects not at home, the campaign brought 22 decisions to join the church, including five adults on confession of faith.

Fourteen people joined church on Easter Sunday, and eight will join later. Sunday night, April 20th, there was a church supper to honor new members, with Mrs. John Gibson as speaker, telling about the new Pilgrim Church in Wichita.

A training course for new members is planned after Easter. The annual Pastor's Class began sessions Saturday after Easter, with young people joining on Children's Day in June. Since there was no pastor's class last year, a large enrollment is expected.

The results of our Preaching Mission and Visitation Evangelism go far beyond the recitation of statistics of members added. For those who participated, it was a stimulating spiritual experience, a deepening of faith and time of rededication. The men who called on prospective members were at first hesitant, never having done anything like it before. In almost every case, however, they came back with a feeling of joy and achievment. Perhaps the best lasting result of the week was to make the church members realize that every one, layman as well as minister, has a responsibility to bring those outside the church to Christ, and inactive Christians to active church membership.

—Malcolm White, Minister

Kansas City Welborn

Twin Easter Morning Worship Services were held with a total attendance of 660, the Rev. Reuben Trickey, Minister. There were 17 additions to the church on Palm Sunday.

New matching oak pews were placed in use in the two side wings of the sanctuary for the first time Palm Sunday. The 18 pews, costing $118.00 each, are completely paid for as memorials. The balcony was completed for Easter Sunday Services.

The church cleared $1024.00 on the 14th annual Appreciation $5.00-a-plate dinner held March 27, for which 251 reservations were made. The money was paid on the parsonage indebtedness.

Easter at Topeka First

Sixty-four new members were received into First Church during the 1952 Lenten Season. This represents about 12% of the present resident membership of the church and indicates that having passed the three-year mark in the new building, First Church is still having good, healthy growth.

The church attendance during the Lenten Season was the best in recent years and many members responded to the appeal, "Every member in church every Sunday of Lent." The traditional candle-light communion service was held Maundy Thursday evening. The church was filled to capacity at both services Easter morning. It was a fitting climax to a great Lenten and Easter Season.

Topeka Seaman's Easter

Easter at Seaman Community will be written in the annals of its history as the grandest, most fruitful—most

inspirational of all Easters. Like the scripture of old, "And 58 were added to the church that day." (eight children were baptized as Children of the Church and 5 babies christened)

The Pastor, Wilbert E. Dull, who will soon close a 24-year pastorate, has always had a dream of receiving 50 new members in one year. Easter of 1952 made a reality of his dream. The beautifully redecorated and repaired church, the music, the flowers, the record attendance of 409 — the pastor's message and the gladness he exhibited while baptising and receiving new members, all gave something very wholesome and inspirational to add to one's Hall of Memories. So with a song in their hearts, a prayer on their lips for their Church, its people and its pastor, Easter Day was over, but its spirit is continuing—in its newly discovered people—its growth—its attendance—its service to the community and the larger fellowship.

Kansas City First Pilgrim

Anticipation of new leadership ran high during the Easter Season at First Pilgrim. The church had been without resident leadership since the death of Dr. John G. Hindley in late January, but had the promise that the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore N. Goodale of Windsor, Vermont would arrive the week after Easter.

Dr. L. M. Rymph preached on Palm Sunday and received 13 new members who were lined up by lay members under the leadership of Mr. Frank Naylor, chairman of the Board of Deacons. Dr. Woodbridge O. Johnson of the faculty of Park College supplied the pulpit on Easter Sunday as well as several other times during the three months the church was without a pastor. An Easter breakfast given by the teachers of the church school was attended by 50 children and young people.

Pauline

Easter service for the Pauline Congregational Church was conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. George Taylor. At a special evening service, Mrs. Taylor gave a meditation, "The Alabaster Box" and Mrs. Alfred Johnson and Mrs. Van Nice led the children in a pageant, "The Old Rugged Cross." Four new members have been received this spring.

Centralia

The Rev. Glen Argo reports six new members and nine baptisms on Palm Sunday. They joined with the Methodists for a Maundy Thursday Communion service and presented a concert of sacred music in our church on Easter night.

Wichita Plymouth

Dr. Walter H. Upton reports 85 new members received on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. The Chancel Choir under the direction of Mr. Harold Clevenger presented a cantata, "Eastertide" by Protheroe on Good Friday. On April 14 a special dinner was held honoring new members. The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering taken on Easter totaled more than $1000.00, but has not yet been sent in so we can not report it in the list on page 16 of this issue.

Colonial Church - Prairie Village

Triple services were held in the chapel of Colonial Church at 9, 10 and 11:00 on Easter Sunday, with Church School sessions at 9 and 10. This chapel, built to seat a few over 100 was full to capacity at each service with a total church attendance of 346. Nineteen were received on Maundy Thursday. Eleven infants were bap-

tized on Palm Sunday. The Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes is Minister.

Whitewater

The Rev. Louis Poppe reports 18 new members received on Maundy Thursday and an uplifting service on Easter Sunday. The minister and Church members are making special efforts to assimulate new members into the church's working program.

Maize

Union Maundy Thursday services were held with the Rev. Mrs. Stella McCoy giving the Communion message. An Easter Egg hunt and party was given for the Primary Department. Three babies were baptized on Easter Sunday morning. The day closed with a beautiful candlelight service "The Red of the Dawn" presented by the young people.

Wakefield

Colored slides on the Life of Christ were shown by the Rev. and Mrs. G. Waldo Crippen of Milford on Tuesday of Holy Week. Maundy Thursday was observed and the church joined in the Clay County Good Friday service with the Rev. C. G. Nelson giving one meditation. On Easter Sunday, the Choir under the direction of Bill Hawes and Mrs. Ed. Siemers presented the cantata, "Christ Triumphant". One member was added to the church and two children were baptized.

Mt. Hope

On Palm Sunday eleven persons received baptism and the young people presented the "Story of Holy Week" arranged for Choral Reading by Margaret Palmer Fisk. Youth of the Community joined in an Easter Sunrise Service. Easter Morning eighteen were received into the church and five children were baptized. The Rev. John H. Jones is minister.

Topeka Central

Communion supper on Thursday of Holy Week,, held in the spirit and setting of the original communion supper, has become a tradition in Central Church, under the leadership of Dr. Charles W. Helsley, Minister. On Easter Sunday, fifty-two members were received and 18 children baptized.

Lawrence Plymouth

We have not heard the number attending at Lawrence on Easter Sunday, but more than 800 attended the Church Palm Sunday, and one layman counted more than 50 who could not get in. During Holy Week, 45 were received into church membership and 13 infants received baptism by the Rev. Dale E. Turner, Minister. The Lawrence Choir loft is usually filled with students but for Easter a Festival Choir of lay people was arranged under the direction of Clayton Krehbiel and it was reported as inspiring.

Ellis

Easter at Ellis was delightful with the new chancel, new carpet and new decorations carrying out a balanced color scheme of harmonious green. On Palm Sunday 40 children took part in the Palm Branch Processional. On Maundy Thursday three were received into church membership. On Saturday 50 children participated in an Easter egg hunt and picnic dinner. The Church was filled Easter morning for the worship service in charge of the Rev. Fred Smith.

Tonganoxie

The Rev. Archie Toothacker reports three new members and one christening.

Kinsley - Garfield

The Rev. Millard Marshall reports four new members and three children baptized at Kinsley; at Garfield two new members and four baptisms.

Miss Alice Margaret Huggins

American Board Missionaries Return Home

It was good news for the Huggins family living in Topeka and for many friends across the country when word came recently that Alice Huggins had reached Hong Kong enroute home. She had waited 15 months for an exit visa from Red China. She sailed on the President Cleveland April 12, and is due to dock in San Francisco the last day in April.

Miss Huggins went out to China in 1917 under the American Board. She soon became principal of Goodrich Girl's School at Tunghsien, 14 miles east of Peiping, the Red China capital. She has been associated with the school ever since.

In 1941 Miss Huggins started home on leave arriving in Manila on Pearl Harbor Day, and was interned in a prison camp for two years. She came home on the second Gripsholm exchange in 1943. She returned to her mission post in 1946 to find that the Mission School had suffered badly from the ravages of World War II.

The school was taken over by the Communists in December, 1950. Since that time Miss Huggins has eagerly waited for an exit visa along with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hubbard of the American Board whose home is in White Plains, N.Y. The Hubbards are returning home by way of Turkey where they will visit a daughter. Miss Huggins went out from Topeka Central Church under the leadership of Dr. Charles M. Sheldon as one of thirty who went into Christian Life Service under his ministry.

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Downs Call Minister

The Rev. Myron Settle started his ministry at Downs on April 1st. Dr. Settle will be remembered by many Kansans as a former pastor of Whitewater Federated Church, also as Executive Secretary of the Kansas Council of Christian Education during the thirties. The Settles moved to Topeka recently following pastorates in Arizona and Missouri, expecting to retire near their son Myron Jr., but the pull of the pastorate was too strong. Happy days at Downs!

Vernon Benson Improved

Following further examination at Mayo's Clinic on April 23, the Rev. Vernon Benson was released from strict hospitalization at the Zumbrota Hospital on April 27. He will remain at the farm home of his brother Clifford Benson of Zumbrota for sometime. We wish him well during these long days of convalescing. He went to Mayo's on January 9.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

Christian Education

One of the first things to be remembered in connection with Christian Education is that the law of the Lord is unchangeable. For that reason the Bible remains the text-book in all our Church Schools.

Of course the religious educator has to remember that the moral law and the teachings of Our Lord were expressed in the thought pattern and the imagery of the times in which they were given. The Sermon on the Mount, the parables—all are given in the imagery of an earlier and more primitive age. It is, therefore, the duty of the religious educator to clothe these truths in modern garments, to express them in terms that will be thoroughly understood, and dramatize them so that they will never be forgotten. No Sunday School pupil should ever be left without a thorough knowledge of what the Bible has to say about God, religion and neighborly kindness.

Methods

In order to do her work well, the religious educator is permitted to use various methods in keeping with our modern day. Take pageantry for instance. It is an old method used on the Greek stage, used in the Hebrew ritual and used today on stage and screen. Even the youngest member of the kindergarten loves to act and pretend. Bobby and Mary soon become enthusiastic and can scarcely wait for the next Sunday to come. To take the part of the Good Samaritan and at the same time cooperate with the others of the group, not only imparts a Biblical lesson, but also teaches the children to work together.

This same method also works in the Junior department as well as in the Primary. Especially do the girls delight to take part in a pantomine. "This is My Father's World", "Lead Kindly Light", "The Angel's Story", "Hark, Hark, My Soul" and many of the other hymns are adaptable to dramatic portrayal. In this way, not only are the old hymns of the church made familiar, but at the same time the boys and girls cultivate a taste for the beautiful in arts and music.

Worship

In this connection, it should never be forgotten that religious education includes, not alone the imparting of knowledge, but the teaching of worship. The drama, the singing and the prayers should one and all be cast in an attitude of reverence and worship. We say this because in the past, there has been too much of a tendency to make the opening exercises a "religious pep meeting."

Creative Activity

Much of our busy work has no real point to it, no lesson to impart. Its main function seems to be, to keep the pupils busy. That too, is a waste of time. There can be discussion, debate and dramatic presentation of the old truths, but all with the idea of getting across to the pupils the fundamentals of the Christian religion, and the building of Christian character with purpose.

Need Parents' Cooperation

All of this is supplemental to the work done in the home. If a religi-

ous educational program fails, in more cases than not, it is due to the failure of the home. For that reason, a large part of the work of the religious educator has to do with the parents.

Resources

For the use of the religious worker the different denominational publishing houses put out various helps and aids which may be used with discrimination. A very effective way to present the religious story as it has been given to us by the artists, is to pose their pictures behind an organza screen stretched over an old picture frame which has been wired for electric lighting. With the right combination of colored bulbs this gives some of the effects which the original artist secured by the combination of his colors, and the children love to pose for the pictures. These pictures when combined with appropriate music and scripture readings make a very acceptable program. Then there are the filmstrips for the special programs in the church school and a good selection of art slides which serve a useful purpose.

By way of supplementary material for the use of the instructor and the benefit of the learner, there are such books as "Tell Me About Jesus", (Jones) "Jesus, the Little New Baby", (Lloyd) "When Jesus Was a Boy", (Entwhistle) for the Kindergartner; "Story of the Creation" (Jones) "Shepherd and His Sheep" (Chalmers) "Picture Book of Palestine" (Smithers) "Picture Dictionary of the Bible" (Tubby) for Primary; "Opening the Bible to Children" (Whitehouse) "Your Child Grows Toward God" (Rosser) for Juniors. Religious Education always demands one's best and most consecrated efforts.

—Mrs. Samuel LePage, Chairman

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In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. John Cauthron
Mrs. William Chastain
Mrs. R. E. Dimond
Mrs. M. J. Croker
Miss Effie Felter
Mrs. E. J. Huston
Mrs. C. Hauser
By Wichita Plymouth Pilgrim Guild

Dr. Lucena Axtell
By Newton Women's Socitey

Mrs. Viola Whitaker Ruppenthal
Mrs. Hermine H. Woelk
By Russell Missionary Society

Miss Hazel Hall
By Eureka Board of Deaconesses

Mrs. Belle Tyler
By Haven Mayflower Circle

Mrs. Frances Kirkwood
Mrs. Margaret Snyder
Mrs. Lillian Dwyer
Mrs. Grace Tamblyn
Mrs. Lela Snyder
Mrs. Mary Retter
By Topeka Seaman Guild

Mrs. Myrtle Reichert
Mrs. Belle Bruner
Mrs. Emma Milliman
By Seneca Ladies' Union

Miss Marian Metzler
Mrs. Charles Carey
Mrs. Ida Finlay
Mrs. Emma Hug
By Carbondale Women's Society

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Miss Evelyn Breeden
Kansas S.S.S. Guest

Student Summer Service

Three college students will be working in Kansas this summer under the Student Summer Service Program. Miss Evelyn Richards, who worked in Kansas last year, will return again this year. She will be at Wichita Pilgrim the entire summer assisting with Vacation Church School, directing music, recreation and many other phases of work of a Pastor's Assistant. She a is a student at Schauffler College. Miss Phyllis MacDonald, also a student at Schauffler College and Miss Evelyn Breeden, National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Mo., will be working together as a team helping conduct Vacation Church Schools at Wakefield, Towanda, Wheaton, Seneca and other places, not definitely scheduled at this time.

How S.S.S. Is Supported

This work is supported by the State Conference and the Board of Home Missions. For some years money has been received from Children's Day Service Offerings. It is a two-way ministry because it renders service to many different areas of need and gives experience in Christian service to seminary and college students who plan to go into full-time Christian work. It is estimated that 500 Christian young people will be working in the program this summer. Aside from conducting Vacation Church Schools this program includes service in workcamps, building playgrounds, repairing churches, working in social settlements or migrant farm labor camps, preaching and general parish work.

A Sharing Project

The Children's Day program provides an excellent opportunity for the church and the church school to share in this worthwhile program. Churches using Pilgrim Series will want to see the Children's Day Service outlined in the Spring Manual, page 25. There are extra copies of the Spring Manual available from the State Conference Office. Price 30 cents. Children's Day Offering envelopes may be secured from the Conference office (while the supply lasts) or directly from the Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. They also have copies of the

Calendar Service at 90 cents per hundred. We suggest that this sharing project be considered for Vacation Church Schools also. Offerings are to be sent through Conference Office.

Onaga Young Adults

This group was responsible for the organization of a like group in the Methodist Church at Holton, Kansas. Two years ago Dr. and Mrs. Heinz Schwarz organized the group at Onaga which has been greatly interested in Bible Study. Through their efforts a Wurlitzer organ was purchased for the church sanctuary.

Pauline Family Night

On Sunday evening, February 24, an interesting program of singing, worship, demonstration and sharing of church school handwork was presented at Pauline under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. George Taylor. Dolls dressed in Biblical Costumes made by the Primary Department were sent to a Children's hospital. A social hour followed the program.

Installation Service

Early in February the teachers of the church school and officers of the church at Independence were installed by their pastor, the Rev. Paxton Smith, at a very impressive service. On February 3, the young people had charge of the morning service.

Get Your Order In Early

There are many filmstrips, slides and records suitable for VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL available from the Conference office. Since many requests have already been received we urge churches to order as soon as possible so they will not be disappointed. A complete new listing of materials is just off the press. A copy will be sent to each church, however one will be sent upon individual request.

Fall Institutes

Miss Ruth Curry, Editor of Children's Publications for Congregational-Christian Churches will be in Kansas September 27-October 2 for Pilgrim Series Institutes.

Lelia Anderson Coming in June

Our roving-director of Christian Education known to so many in Kansas, will be here the early part of June. She will be a guest at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga during Senior Camp where she will tell about the important work she hopes to do in rural areas through the use of a specially equipped station wagon. This is an "authorized special" project for Home Missions' work and has been adopted by Senior P.F'ers as the 1952 Camp Missionary Action Project. Following Camp-Wa-Shun-Ga she will visit a few local churches. Plans are made at this time for meetings at Whitewater, Russell and Garden City.

Rev. Lelia Anderson
Field Representative

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, Chairman

Father - Son Banquet

Almost 100 men and boys were present for this annual event in our Kiowa Church on April 7. A large bunny with a basket of candy eggs centered each table and small baskets of candy eggs graced each place as favors. Pilgrim Daughters were responsible for the decorations and the meal which included fried chicken and cherry pie. Movies of Mr. and Mrs. Ott Circle's trip around the world were shown. The Rev. A. F. White, supply minister, who has been ill for sometime is again able to fill the pulpit and received new members on Easter Sunday.

Food For Thought

The Rev. Reuben R. Trickey, Kansas City Welborn, observes that more than 100,000 American Soldiers have been killed in Korea to defend "Freedom of Worship and Freedom of the ballot in America." However, never more than 3 percent of our people go to worship on Sunday and only one half of the eligible voters ever vote in a national election.

Kansas City First Pilgrim

Men's Club prepared and served the annual $5.00 Appreciation Dinner held at the church on Saturday night, April 19. Rabbi Samuel Mayerburg was the speaker. Mr. Blake Williamson was Master of Ceremonies with the new minister, the Rev. Theodore N. Goodale giving the Invocation. This Men's Club keeps very much alive by doing something worthwhile all the time.

NEW CENTENNIAL SLOGAN
TWO THOUSAND MORE
BY FIFTY-FOUR

Lawrence Plymouth Men

will sponsor the annual Fathers-Sons-Daughters banquet on May 14. Ray Evans, Otto Snellbacher, Clyde Lovellette and others will speak.

Joe Doak's Colored Slide Set

This set is fine for small planning groups in the church. It shows the need for giving every member a job to do. Through the courtesy of Mr. E. C. Wedell of Great Bend, it is now available from the Conference Office.

Apple Project

Kansas City Welborn Men sponsor a large apple orchard near them. Mr. Fred Baker is chairman of the tree trimming committee to prepare the trees for a good harvest season next fall. Helpers volunteer their services for the job each Saturday. What are the men in your church doing?

The Fellowship

National Laymen's Fellowship publication edited by Mr. Walter Graham in Pembroke, Kentucky carries a picture of Frank Korab, nominee for National Moderator. Along with the picture he gives the statement of Qualifications prepared by the "Korab from Kansas for Moderator" Committee which is chaired by Mr. E. C. Wedell.

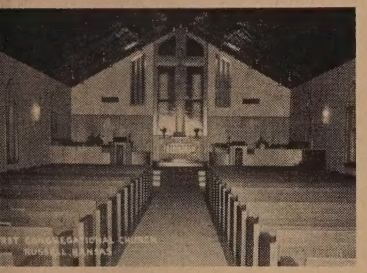
Important Dates

June 18 - 25 - General Council meeting at Claremont, California where a Lay Moderator will be elected.

August 10 - 17 - Second annual week-long La Foret Lay Conference.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Harry Schanker, President **Margaret Wilson, Secretary**



Rallies A Success

April 25-27 was Rally Weekend. astern Pilgrims began gathering at awrence Friday afternoon, April 25 om K.C. Welborn and 1st Pilgrim, laple Hill, Topeka Central and First, abetha, Manhattan and Lawrence. Jncle Harald Wisegarver, Eastern ponsor, Uncle Dale Turner and Aunt erry Gregg, host pastors, were busy very minute getting more than 130 ople housed, fed and entertained. ncle Fuzzy Hughes, Junior Hi Spon- r had to stay home because of ill- ss. Don Wilbur, Eastern President, anhattan presided at the Rally Din- r. Eastern was especially fortunate having guest speakers and enter- iners from the University. Thanks to ncle Dlae. Miss Marie Lipka, Tra- ling Secretary for S.V.M. told of r experiences in Japan following the ovie "Crossroads". More international atures were presented on Saturday orning when students from India d Holland spoke. Manhattan Pil- ms led the group in morning wor- p which preceded Missionary Action d Camp concerns by Topeka Cen- l via "Operation Station Wagon" d "Camp Daze" by K.C. Welborn. Weather cooperated beautifully and everyone departed homeward happily looking forward to meeting new found friends in a few weeks at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

WESTERN activities were centered in the lovely new church at Russell. See picture of sanctuary on this page. About 40 Senior Pilgrims and sponsors from Garden City, Kinsley, Great Bend, Ellis, Lenora, Osborne, Gorham and of course Russell started their rally activities Saturday afternoon, April 26 and continued through Sunday. After getting acquainted, roll call, singing pep songs and seeing the movie "Crossroads", a talk by Uncle Al Bartter from Garden City, skit on Camp Wa-Shun-Ga by Lenora there was square dancing, ping pong, etc. Sunday morning opened with the guests participating in worship with the Russell Congregation. The rest of the day included such items as Missionary Action, playtime, business, a skit "And The Lights Went Out" by Russell, and a closing worship service by Great Bend before starting homeward. Western looks forward to going to Great Bend for the Spring of '53. Western Pilgrims expressed thanks to Uncle Hans Poppe, Western Sponsor and Gary Sick of Russell for the planning and carrying out of many details to make such a successful rally.

SOUTHERN! What happened to your report?

Spring Carnival

May 7 was set aside at Topeka First for the Pilgrim Fellowship Spring Carnival. There were movies, games, eats, a cake walk, and square dancing. Tickets sold at ten cents apiece.

Marilyn Bell, McPherson
Southern Junior Hi Chairman

Congratulations

Harry Schanker, our State President, received excellent ratings on after dinner speaking, interpretative reading, declamation and oratory at the State Junior College Speech Festival, April 4-5 in El Dorado. Carol Schlenker, a Junior Hi P.F.er at Kansas City Welborn, won first place in an essay contest sponsored by the Wyandotte County Principal's Club and the Sertoma Club.

Easter Activities

Maize Pilgrims attended a Sunrise Service at Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita. They were served breakfast by their church school teacher, Mrs. Fred Granfield who was assisted by Mrs. Cash Sandusky. The day was concluded with a candlelight service.

From Our P.F. Reporter

LENORA P.F.ers have been using a tape recorder. They have enjoyed recording plays and programs which are later discussed in the meeting.

The Junior High and Senior P.F. groups at LAWRENCE had a Talent Night May 3. Tickets were sold to raise funds for their $100 P.F. Pledge.

And speaking of pledges, you P.F.ers be sure and get in your pledges to the state office before camp so they can be recognized when the roll is called.

RUSSELL has a newly formed Youth Council and League of Protestant Churches. The Russell Congregational Church was instrumental in starting planning and promotion. They have two members on the executive council.

Then last, but not least, don't forget Camp Wa-Shun-Ga is the first week in June, so reserve a week for the best time of the whole year. Let's make this year's camp the biggest and the best ever.

—Gary Sick
Secretary-Treasurer
Western Association

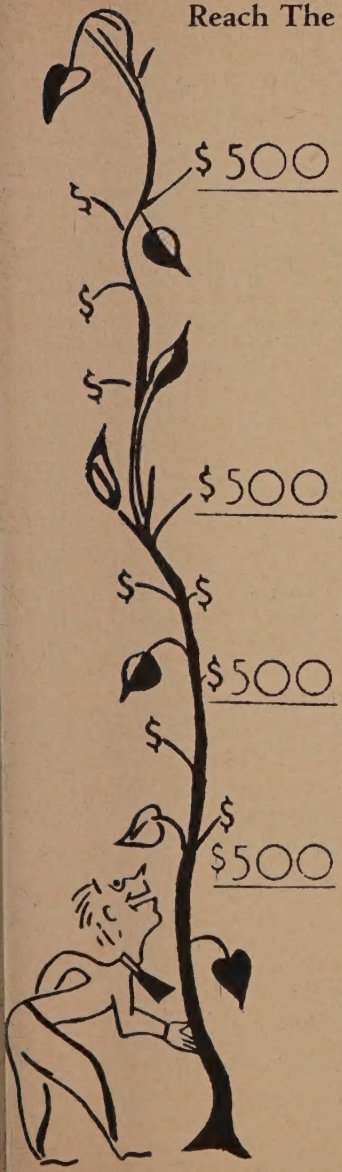
Is Your Car Dirty?

This was the caption on the request of Wichita Fairmount Pilgrims to wash cars April 5 to help raise their Missionary Action pledge.

Wa-Shun-Ga Guest Leaders

Miss Jane Molden, former Nebraska P.F.er and graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and Miss Shirley Lai from Hawaii, student at Boston University will be leaders of Quests, Vesper Services, special features, pep singing and recreation. In addition to these Miss Leila Anderson, Field Representative of the Division of Christian Education will assist with the Missionary Action Project for 1952 at Senior Camp.

Time Is Running Out. Can You Help Him Reach The Top By Camp Time?



Has your P.F. made a pledge? Has it been paid? Our $2000 goal as broken down in four parts below has received offerings toward it as indicated:

P.F. Work in Kansas
- Postage and Publicity
- Packet and Promotion materials
- Travel within state
- Travel for National Council delegates
- Miscellaneous

Home Missions
- Indian Americans at Fort Berthold
- Build new Churches

Flood Relief
- Seaman Congregational Church in Topeka (Uncle Doc Dull)

Foreign Missions
- Morning Star VI to sail
- Educate Arab refugees
- Kusaie Training School
- College of the Pacific
- International Relations Dept.

Paid Up Pledges to Date

Dover	$ 15.00
Hutchinson	15.00
K.C. Welborn	175.00
Kinsley	5.00
Lenora	25.00
McPherson	20.15
Manhattan	25.00
Maple Hill	50.00
Mount Hope	25.00
Osborne	25.00
Ottawa	60.00
Partridge	25.00
Russell	25.00
Topeka Central	78.38
Topeka First Jr. Hi	20.00
Topeka Seabrook	20.00
Towanda	10.00
Wheaton	10.00
	628.53

Workday for Christ Receipts

Almena	5.00
Downs	6.50
Ellis	4.70
Garden City	11.65
Great Bend	10.00
Haven	2.80
Kinsley	14.25
Maize	14.07
Manhattan	20.65
Milford	8.85
Onaga	5.26
Osborne	38.25
Russell	17.00
Sabetha	7.70
Sedgwick	9.68
Seneca	11.56
Stockton	8.00
Topeka First Jr. Hi	10.00
	205.92

Other receipts	$191.65
Unpaid Pledges	$554.00
TOTAL	$1580.10

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Berkeley 9, Calif.

One Great Hour Receipts

To April 28

Anthony	$ 64.95	Maize	$ 28.45
Carbondale	30.07	Manhattan	152.53
Dover	20.00	Milford	14.00
Downs	15.42	Osborne	98.25
Emporia First	221.80	Ottawa	25.75
Emporia Sardis	54.50	Partridge	89.00
Eureka	137.75	Seneca	32.50
Ford	90.00	Stanley	36.00
Garden City	179.94	Stockton	7.00
Great Bend	39.82	Topeka Central	204.69
Haven	29.00	Topeka First	245.80
Hiawatha	7.75	Topeka Seaman	45.00
Hutchinson	57.05	Udall	16.10
Independence	31.37	Wakefield	31.50
Kansas City Prairie V.	40.62	Wheaton	8.50
Kansas City Ruby	41.00	Whitewater	163.33
Kansas City Welborn	201.62	Gorham	7.25
Kirwin	10.00		
Lawrence Plymouth	218.63		
Lenora	89.91	TOTAL	$2872.42
Lincoln	37.57		

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The Newest Bud in the Sunflower State
MARK MICHAEL POPPE
Blossomed forth in a Poppe bed
On April 18, 1952
at Russell City Hospital
HANS AND RUTH, FLORICULTURALISTS